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Disbandment of the Guerrilla Group in Toledo-Cercedilla-El Escorial Sector

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According to information of 2 November 1946, the guerrilla group which operated in the Toledo-Cercedilla-El Escorial sector has been dispersed. Source states that, according to various informants, the disbandment of the unit was effected through the arrest of certain of the group's liaison agents who lived in the outlying districts of Madrid. However, the following version of the events leading up to the disbanding of the unit was

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- 2. According to the guerrilla, the annihilation of the group, which was under Communist discipline, was caused by the action of the political chief, who, against the judgment of his subordinates, admitted a new element into the unit. At the first opportunity, this man reported the operational details of the group to the police. Upon learning of his action, one of the guerrillas contacted the immediate superior of the political chief and an investigator was sent from the Communist Party to hear the case against the chief. When he heard the defense of the political chief and the accusations of his subordinates he ordered the chief to be shot. The order was carried out. He then ordered the immediate disbanding of the group because of the dengers involved if it continued to function.
- 3. Two of the guerrillas went to Madrid, one of whom had been a member of the Socialist Party prior to the Spanish Civil War. He approached certain Socialist elements in Cuatro Caminos in an effort to obtain aid from the party. The Socialist Party refused to help the man because of his affiliation with the Communist Party as a member of the guerrilla group. The guerrilla returned to the mountains of Cercedilla to live as best he could.

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